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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 121546 ACTION LA PAZ DTD 23 MAY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PFOR, ENRG, EIND, BL

SUBJECT: GULF OIL

REF: (A) LA PAZ 3510; (B) STATE 116594; (C) LA PAZ 3382

1. DEPARTMENT HAS CONFIRMED THAT SEC DOES NOT, REPEAT NOT, HAVE INFORMATION DESIRED BY BOLIVIAN AUTHORITIES, I.E., NAMES OF BOLIVIAN CITIZENS TO WHOM PAYMENTS OF "POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS" WERE MADE. INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY COMMITTEE OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF GULF BOARD CHAIRED BY OUTTSIDDE COUNNSEL JOHN MCCLOY PURSUANT TO SETTLEMENT ORDER OF D.C. FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT WORKED OUT BETWEEN SEC AND GULF. REPORT DUE TO BE FILED WITH FEDERAL COURT, SEC AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY MID-JUNE BUT TIMETABLE MAY SLIP. IT REMAINS TO BE DETERMINED WHETHER THE REPORT WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL OR CONFIDENTIAL

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WHETHER IT WILL DISCLOSE SPECIFIC DETAILS. HOWEVER, GULF

HAS TOLD DEPARTMENT AND STATED PUBLICLY (E.G., STATEMENT BY GULF CHAIRMAN DORSEY AS RECENT AS MAY 21 CARRIED IN NEW YORK TIMES) THAT COMPANY WOULD PROVIDE GOB COMPLETE INFORMATION AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT AND THAT DELAY IS DUE TO FACT THAT FULL CIRCUMSTANCES ARE NOT YET KNOWN.

2. DEPARTMENT, OF COURSE, FULLY APPRECIATES POSITION IN WHICH GULF REVELATIONS HAVE PLACED GOB. WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS ALSO QUOTE GULF AS RECOGNIZING DIFFICULTY OF GOB POSITION AND NOTE THAT LEGAL ACTION INITIATED IN BOLIVIA WAS NOT UNEXPECTED SINCE BOLIVIAN AUTHORITIES UNDER PRESSURE TO NAME INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED. GULF SPOKESMAN IN CORAL GABLES FURTHER REPORTED AS STATING THAT GOB COULD NOT AFFORD TO WAIT FOR FULL REPORT FROM GULF TO TAKE SUCH ACTION. DEPARTMENT CAN NOT VOUCH FOR ACCURACY OF THESE REPORTS. BEGIN FYI: WHILE DEPARTMENT FULLY APPRECIATES GOB'S DILEMMA AND NEED TO IMPRESS BOLIVIAN PUBLIC WITH ITS DETERMINATION TO ACT PROMPTLY AND VIGOROUSLY IN TAKING LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THOSE WHO MAY BE INVOLVED, WE HAVE SOME CONCERN THAT GOB MAY EXCEED LEGAL BOUNDS. GULF OFFICIALS IN U.S. HAVE INDICATED THAT PAYMENTS WERE "POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS" WHICH DO NOT APPEAR TO BE PROHIBITED BY BOLIVIAN LAW. IN THIS CONNECTION, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE TEXTS OF LEGAL PROVISIONS CITED BY GOB IN REFTEL (A) AND ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE ON REGULARITY OF BOLIVIAN LEGAL ACTIONS. END FYI.

3. DEPARTMENT TRANSMITTING BY SEPTTEL AMENDED TEXT OF PROPOSED DRAFT REPLY TO ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER'S NOTE SUBMITTED BY EMBASSY UNDER COVER OF REFTEL (C). IN MEAN-TIME, FOREGOING MAY BE DRAWN ON BY EMBASSY IN CONVERSA-TIONS WITH BOLIVIAN AUTHORITIES. SAME INFORMATION WILL BE TRANSMITTED VERBALLY TO AMBASSADOR CAPRILES IN WASHING-TON. INGERSOLL UNQTE KISSINGER

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